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Mr. Perrin Beatty, M.P.,  
Minister of Health and Welfare,  
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Ottawa.

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Dear Mr. Beatty,

Would your department help the environmentally sensitive by turning around public misconceptions it fostered for so long to the effect that persons disabled by pollution were deluded in their awareness of what was happening to them?

I've listed the problems caused by this in previous correspondence, and indicated a concern that any effort to help be concentrated on the future, rather than past inequities. Misconceptions remain our biggest problem, and, they are a block that must be taken out of the pipe before other actions will move forward constructively in the community.

Those whose lives have been hurt by attitudes fostered by Health and Welfare want to get on with their futures too. We deserve a hand up in doing this, as most of us were doing quite well until the government called into question our personal and professional reputations, severely affecting our incomes, enjoyment of life, and so on.

There is work to be done in "rescuing" those who would have been diagnosed by now, if not for the damaging misconceptions fostered by the government. These efforts have been swamped in a sea of bigotry, resulting in continuing damages to those who've been "left behind" which will continue into the future if the misconceptions fostered by government in its apparent efforts to stave off dealing with this problem are not corrected.

The experience others have had, (I think of UFFI), is that unless the matter is resolved, with a clear statement that the previous course of action was misguided, and a new course charted, irresponsible debate and subsequent trashing of the rights of members of this disabled group will continue, inside government, and in those institutions which formally and informally look to Health and Welfare for guidance on health concerns.

I hope you will recognize the need to deal with these  
abuses, for the government to explicitly put them behind us.

Your assistance would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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